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2. Poskrebyshev has been a Party member since 1917 and worked in Turkestan until 1924. He then became People's Commissar for Nationalities which was later changed to the Commission for Nationalities.
3. In the late twenties when Borzhanov defected, Poskrebyshev replaced him as Stalin's personal secretary. Under the 17th Congress, 28 Jan to 10 Feb 34, Poskrebyshev was elected a delegate. Since then he has headed the Secretariat of Stalin. Poskrebyshev is called in Moscow, "Rasputin of the Kremlin." He wields the greatest influence on Stalin, perhaps more than anyone else in Moscow. No one is allowed to contact Stalin, by telephone or otherwise, without Poskrebyshev's approval. Even close "friends" such as Malenkov or Molotov have to pass through Poskrebyshev. His office is next to Stalin's. Very frequently certain matters are turned over to Poskrebyshev for handling in the name of Stalin, and he makes decisions which are carried out explicitly in the name of the boss. Poskrebyshev is most devoted to his boss, who trusts him completely, and who is his only friend. He does not associate with anyone else, at least not publicly. Poskrebyshev works all hours of the day and night. He is always on duty, when Stalin is present as well as when the boss is away.

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